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BX 15. (Amended) The highback according to claim 1, further comprising a pair of lateral ears supported on the opposing sides of the lower portion, the mounting locations being disposed on the lateral ears.

**REMARKS**

In response to the Office Communication mailed on August 28, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this application, amendments have been made to the claims. The claims as presented are believed to be in allowable condition.


Claims 1, 5-27, 29-56 and 58-63 are pending. Claims 9 and 19 are hereby amended to depend from claim 1 instead of canceled claims 3 and 2, respectively. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**MARKED-UP CLAIMS**

9. (Amended) The highback according to claim 1 [3], wherein the first material extends into a portion of the heel cup.

19. (Amended) The highback according to claim 1 [2], further comprising a pair of lateral ears supported on the opposing sides of the lower portion, the mounting locations being disposed on the lateral ears.

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